

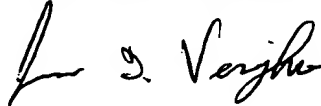
Applicants herewith submit a Declaration which is duly executed by Dr. Witschel, one of the inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in the present application. Dr. Witschel's Declaration includes the data which were previously presented by applicants. It is further respectfully solicited that the Examiner give full and due consideration to applicants' arguments, presented in their previous reply, why the Claims of *Otten et al.* when taken in view of the disclosure of *Barton* cannot be deemed to establish that the subject matter of applicants' claims was obvious at the time the invention was made. In light of the attached and the remarks already presented by applicants in their previous reply it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner favorably reconsider the rejection of applicants' Claims 1 to 7, 10, 17, 22 and 23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting based on the claims of *Otten et al.* and the disclosure of *Barton*. Favorable action is solicited.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME:

It is respectfully requested that a two month extension of time be granted in this case. The respective \$450.00 fee is paid by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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